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SUBJECT:FAO 1980-81 BUDGET: REAL PROGRAM GROWTH

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1. BELIEVE GROUP MAY BE TOO GENEROUS WITH REGARD DELETION OF COST OF ANNUALIZATION OF COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN CALCULATING PROPOSED 1980-81 BASE (PARA 2B REF A) PARTICULAR IN LIGHT OF COMPLETE LACK OF DETAILS ON HOW THIS ACTIVITY IS DEVELOPING IN PRESENT BIENNium. WILL BE ANXIOUS ALSO REVIEW OTHER ITEMS FOR OMISSION AS DEVELOPED BY FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE BEFORE PROVIDING FINAL VIEW OR AGREEING ON LIST TO BE SUGGESTED BY GROUP. WILL ITEMS SUCH AS WCARRD, UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR WHICH EXTRA COSTS WERE BUDGETED IN 1978-79 BE INCLUDED?

2. WITH REGARD PROGRAMS FOR WHICH PROPOSED INCREASES MIGHT BE EXPECTED (PARA 2D REF A), GROUP WILL NEED TO KEEP IN MIND POSSIBILITY OF OFFSETS AGAINST INCREASES BY REDUCTIONS IN OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN RESPECTIVE PROGRAM SEGMENTS. PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES WILL HAVE MAJOR ROLE IN

WEIGHING POSSIBLE INCREASES AND REDUCTIONS. PROPOSED UN
CENTER SEEMS ODD MAN AMONG OTHER POSSIBLE ITEMS LISTED
PARA 2D. WAS THERE GENERAL GROUP AGREEMENT THAT CENTER WILL
BE SERIOUS ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION? WHAT WAS REACTION INDI-

VIDUAL MEMBERS OF GROUP TO U.S. STATED OPPOSITION?

3. WE CONCUR THAT WITH DUTCH AND UK HESITANCY, AND PER-
HAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, THE ATTENTION WHICH FOOD AND
AGRICULTURE IS RECEIVING INTERNATIONALLY AND IN VARIOUS
UN FORA, IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON A
REAL BUDGET GROWTH TARGET LESS THAN THE 2 PERCENT PER
ANNUM PRECEDENT WHICH WAS ACCEPTED IN WHO.

4. IF ANNUALIZATION OF COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE
EXCLUDED FROM CALCULATION OF REAL PROGRAM GROWTH AS
SUGGESTED BY GROUP, THIS WOULD BE VALID ARGUMENT AGAINST
THOSE ABLE TO SUPPORT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN 2 PERCENT PER
ANNUM. BECAUSE OF PRECEDENT IT MIGHT HAVE FOR OTHER
EXPENDITURES, WE WOULD NOT WISH ACCEPT GROUP'S RECOM-
MENDATION FOR OMISSION OF THIS CALCULATION UNLESS WE CAN
OBTAIN STRONG AGREEMENT FROM MAJORITY OF GROUP ON
SUPPORTING ONLY A 2 PERCENT PER ANNUM REAL GROWTH.

5. REPORT GG FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE WEIGHED CARE-
FULLY IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE APPROACH TO CAPITALS.
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ALTHOUGH WE RECOGNIZE GG MEMBERS WILL BE CONSULTING
RESPECTIVE CAPITALS, MEMBER VIEWS, EVEN IF EXPRESSED ON
TENTATIVE BASIS, ON ITEMS IN SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT SHOULD
BE REPORTED IN DETAIL. CHRISTOPHER

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